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TO: Honorable Craig Estes, Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Rural Affairs & Homeland Security

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1395 by Estes (Relating to the regulation of dangerous wild animals.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code as it relates to the regulation of dangerous wild animals. "Wildlife sanctuary" would be defined as a non-profit that operates a place of refuge for certain wild animals. Bill provisions would not apply to an individual holding a rehabilitation permit issued under the Parks and Wildlife Code, or an organization that is an accredited member of the Zoological Association of America and a wildlife sanctuary accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries, the American Sanctuary Association or their respective successors if designated by the Department of State Health Services.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department reports bill provisions would not represent a fiscal implication to the department. The bill would take immediate effect if the bill receives two-thirds the vote in both houses. Otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2013.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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